

Remarks:

Claims:

Claims 27-49 were pending. Claims 27-49 were subject to a five (5) way Restriction Requirement.

Claims 28, 30-31, 33, 36-37, 39-42, 45 and 47-49 have been cancelled without prejudice as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claims 27, 43 and 44 have been amended to more particularly and distinctly claim the subject matter of Applicant's invention. In addition, claims 27 and 35 have been amended to comply with the election requirement. Claim 38 has been amended to correct a typo.

Claims 50-55 have been added to more particularly claim an embodiment of the invention. Applicant submits that the new claims are within the inventive concept of Group I. Support for the new claims is either apparent or is as described below. Support for recombinant polypeptide can be found, for example, at: page 1, line 3; page 4, line 2; page 7, lines 9-12; page 8, lines 1-8; and page 9, lines 1-4. No new matter is added.

Restriction

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group I (claims 27, 29, 32, 34, 35, 38, 43-44, 46 and new claims 50-55). In addition, Applicant hereby elects SEQ ID NO:2. The claims have been amended to comply with the election requirement.

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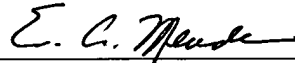
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Closing Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Office Action and believe this response to be a full and complete response to such Office Action. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration in view of this response and allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

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